

## FCC Rejects Petition On Religious Broadcasting

WASHINGTON (BP) — The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) unanimously rejected a petition by two California men seeking a freeze on applications for educational television and FM radio channels by religious organizations.

The FCC decision on the petition is subject to appeal. A Washington attorney who represents the petitioners, Jeremy D. Lansman and Lorenzo W. Milam, said here that he does not know whether his clients will appeal.

The unanimous decision by the federal agency, which regulates the nation's airwaves, follows an avalanche of public reaction, both through the mail and over the telephone. The FCC noted that the two California men "would have us disqualify all religiously affiliated organizations and institutions from eligibility to operate on reserve channels." That, the agency ruled, would constitute "discrimination."

"As a government agency," the ruling continued, "the commission is enjoined by the First Amendment to observe a stance of neutrality toward religion, acting neither to promote nor to inhibit religion."

Because of its neutral stance, the ruling stated, the FCC will consider applications from religious and secular groups for reserved stations on an equitable basis. In that context, the agency found that the Lansman-Milam petition is "an impermissible proposition."

The rejected Lansman-Milam petition did not challenge the right of religious groups to make use of the commercial airwaves, but it dealt only with the propriety of

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RIDGECREST, N. C. (BP) — Trustees of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, in their semiannual meeting here, elected E. DeVaughn Woods vice-president for finance and Morton F. Rose, director of planning for the publishing and education agency.

Both men will report to the executive office and will be mem-

## Beirut Violence Continues But Missionaries Will Stay

By Bill Marshall

BEIRUT, Lebanon (BP) — "It's all over," I heard for the second time in as many months from an optimistic Beirut neighbor. But few really believed the outbreak of violence had ended.

## July Cooperative Program Gifts Year's 2nd Highest

amount of \$3,850,000.

The July 1975 income was \$66,723 more than for the same month in 1974 for an increase of 11.8 percent. The year's total thus far is \$297,972 more than for the same period of 1974, which amounts to an increase of 8.5 percent.

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The July income for the Cooperative Program was the second best month of 1975, Dr. Kelly noted. The highest income for a month was in January when the figure was \$748,439. The total income for the year, however, is \$61,337 below the prorated budget figure for seven months.

The year's total thus far has been \$3,788,663 as compared with the seven-months prorated budget

## Anderson In Jackson Oct. 7 For Action Plan

Andy Anderson, who created the new ACTION concept of increasing Sunday School enrollment and attendance, will be in Jackson to present his plan on Oct. 7.

Anderson perfected his ACTION plan to bolster attendance at Riverside Baptist Church, Fort Myers, Fla., where he was pastor.

The Sunday School Board is endorsing the plan, and the meeting Oct. 7 is being sponsored by the Sunday School Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. Bryant Cummings is director.

The meeting will be at First Baptist Church, beginning at 7 p.m. and going until 9:30 p.m. Due to an error in information, an earlier story had indicated that the meeting would be on Sept. 7.

## Committee Radio And

The expenditure of \$3,000 to TimeRite, Inc., for radio and television spots entitled "Let Christ's Freedom Ring" has been authorized by the Executive Committee of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

The spots have been mailed to all radio and television stations in the state. They were designed by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission from the idea of the closed circuit television openings for the sessions of the Southern Baptist Convention in Miami Beach in which the Liberty Bell replica of Mississippi played a part.

Rev. David Myers was approved as director of Christian ministries for the Hinds-Madison Association; and the executive secretary of the board, Dr. Earl Kelly, was given the authority to make necessary commitments with the Foreign Mission Board for the continuing use of a missionary in residence. Guy Henderson is serving in this capacity during his fourth year now.

A bid of \$5,312.50 from Warren Brothers Company for covering the parking lot of the Baptist Building was accepted. It was explained that the condition of the lot was beginning to deteriorate to the point that too long a delay would make the job more costly.

The committee also took action to amend the Plan A Certificate of the Annuity Board to provide for spouse rather than widow benefits. The trustees of Baptist Memorial Hospital were author-

## Endorses TV Spots

ized to apply for a new charter under the name Baptist Memorial Hospitals.

The Baptist Record reserve fund was combined with the Convention Board operating fund effective Sept. 5.

Rev. Oliver Ladnier, pastor of First Church, Magee, was elected secretary for the remainder of the year to fill out the unexpired term of Rev. Al Finch, who has accepted

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## Mrs. Odle's Father, L. R. Riley, Dies At 97

Rev. L. R. Riley, 97, father of Mrs. Joe T. Odle, died Aug. 11 at Rankin General Hospital near Jackson. He had been ill for several months.

Mrs. Odle is the wife of Dr. Joe T. Odle, editor of the Baptist Record.

Memorial services were held Aug. 12 at First Church, Jackson, and the body was flown to Mayfield, Ky., where a service was held on Aug. 14 at High Point Baptist Church.

Rev. Riley was a retired Baptist minister. He had served most of his ministry in Western Kentucky and Western Tennessee.

In addition to Mrs. Odle, Rev.

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## Parks Named Director

# Board Names Personnel; Allots \$195,000 For Relief

GLORIETA, N. M. (BP) — The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, at its August meeting here, appointed 41 missionaries, appropriated \$195,000 for world relief and elected three staff members to fill home office posts.

R. Keith Parks, the board's secretary for Southeast Asia since 1968 and formerly a missionary in Indonesia for 14 years, was named director of the mission support division, replacing Jesse

C. Fletcher, who resigned in May to accept the pastorate of First Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tenn. "Dr. Parks has served with distinction both as a missionary and as area secretary," said Baker James Cauthen, the board's executive secretary. "His election has occasioned great joy and enthusiasm both among board members and the staff. We anticipate for him outstanding work in this new responsibility."

The new secretary for East Asia will be George H. Hays, currently East Asia's field representative and a missionary since 1948. He succeeds James D. Belote who died in Richmond, Va., March 4, of a heart attack.

Don A. Reavis, a regional personnel representative for the board, was elected as an associate secretary for missionary personnel, replacing W. L. (Wimpy) Smith who now serves as the board's associate consultant on laymen overseas and associate disaster response coordinator.

Of the \$195,000 appropriate for relief, \$150,000 is for relief and rehabilitation projects in hunger-plagued Bangladesh; and \$30,000 for flood relief in Recife, Brazil; \$10,000 to provide water supplies in Tonga areas of Rhodesia; and \$5,000 to assist refugees from Africa who are now in Portugal.

In addition, another \$2,000 was appropriated for work with Vietnamese refugees at Camp Pendleton, Calif., and Eglin Air Force

base, Fla. The Foreign Mission Board earlier made appropriations in May for refugee work at Camp Chaffee, Ark.

Southern Baptist missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Myers of the Vietnam mission were authorized by the board to continue working with the resettlement of Vietnamese refugees and to serve as a liaison between the Home Mission Board and the Foreign Mission Board concerning refugees assistance.

The board also appropriated \$102,746 to cover personal losses and outfit allowances for several missionaries who recently fled Vietnam and Laos due to the fall of those two countries to Communist control. The board also redesignated \$69,172, previously designated to Vietnam, to be used in Indonesia.

The appointment of 41 missionaries brings to 200 the total additions to the missionary force in 1975. More than 2,600 missionaries now serve over 80 countries.

## Foreign Board Names 10 With Mississippi Ties

GLORIETA, N. M. — Rev. and Mrs. Leslie W. Davis were among 41 missionaries appointed by the Foreign Mission Board during its August meeting here. They were employed as missionary associates and expect to be assigned to religious education promotion in Middle America and the Caribbean.

The trustees voted organizational realignment in their semi-annual meeting to give "higher viability" to church program organizations.

The action deletes the church program organization group, pro-

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## Decade Of Advance Meetings Register 1,375

Fourteen meetings held across the state relating to the Decade of Advance of the Mississippi Baptist Convention registered a total of 1,375 persons.

The meetings were held in all areas of the state in an effort to familiarize association and church leaders with the concept of the Decade of Advance, which will be the total program of Mississippi Baptists for the next 10 years. The programs featured a multi-media presentation which included special music; a panel discussion; color slides; and an inspirational message by Dr. Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

The meetings began in June and continued throughout July.

They have been living in Jones-

boro, Ark., where he was pastor of the Fisher Street Baptist Church. They recently moved to Sledge, Miss.

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## FMB Seeks Miss. Help In Medical Project

An advisory team of medical personnel in Mississippi is being formed to consider ways of implementing a Foreign Mission Board pilot project in Bangladesh involving the Mississippi Brotherhood Department.

Rev. Elmer Howell, director of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Brotherhood Department, said the Foreign Mission Board has asked Mississippi Baptists to sponsor a continuing program of a medical team being on the scene in Bangladesh to see if such a program is workable.

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Mr. and Mrs. Montgomery



## The Budget Committee Meets

Rev. Hardy Denham Jr., chairman of the Christian Education Commission and pastor of First Church, Newton, presents the commission's budget request to the budget committee of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board as the budget was being formulated for consideration by the convention in November.

## New Education Degrees To Be Awarded By MC

CLINTON — During the 149th summer commencement of Mississippi College on August 15, the first Education Specialist degrees will be awarded to two students.

One of the recipients of this new degree at the college is Archie King of Clinton who became the first student to enroll in the program during the 1974 summer term. Mr. King, a native of Morgan, Alabama received his associate of arts degree from Clarke College and went on to complete the bachelor of science in education from Mississippi College. His education continued as he earned the master of education degree from Mississippi College and took advanced graduate courses from the University of Southern Mississippi and the University Extension Center. During the graduation exercises, Mr. King will receive the Education Specialist degree in School Administration and Supervision. Mr. King will serve as principal of McWillie Elementary School this coming year.

Billy Dean Roberts of Clinton will also receive the Education Specialist degree in School Administration and Supervision. Mr. Roberts, a native of Brookhaven, earned the associate of arts degree from Copiah-Lincoln Junior College and received both the bachelor of science and the master of science degrees from the University of Southern Mississippi before enrolling at Mississippi College for advanced graduate studies. During the upcoming year, Mr. Roberts will serve as the Director of the Vocational Rehabilitation Services for the Jackson Public Schools.

### Mildred Souther Dies In Salt Lake City

SALT LAKE CITY (BP) — Mildred Curtis Souther, 62, died in a hospital here after a brief illness. Dr. Souther and her husband, William H. Souther, were in Utah, where he was to begin work with the Utah-Idaho Southern Baptist Convention.

She had been professor of childhood education and director of the Demonstration School at New Orleans Seminary, where her husband had also served before going to Utah.

She is survived by her husband, Dr. Souther; a son, William Robert Souther of Jackson, Miss., and a daughter, Joy Souther Cullen, a Southern Baptist missionary to Bangkok, Thailand. Funeral services were held in New Orleans and Dallas, with burial in Dallas.

## Baptist Ministries Expand Despite Portugal's Turmoil

LISBON, Portugal (BP) — In spite of political uncertainties in riot-plagued Portugal, Baptist work is continuing and expanding, according to Norma (Mrs. John M.) Herndon, Southern Baptist missionary stationed here.

A Bible correspondence course, "Who is Jesus?", introduced on the radio, the first national meeting of Portuguese Baptist groups and a nearly self-supporting book store are important steps for Southern Baptist missionaries and Portuguese Baptist nationals here, she said.

In 1967 the Portuguese Baptist Convention received permission to have two weekly radio broadcasts throughout the country and for many years an average of 50 letters per week have been received in response to the programs.

Southern Baptist missionaries have been answering the letters with Bibles, tracts and personal contact. One missionary, Betty (Mrs. Grayson C.) Tennison, has answered hundreds of letters and kept up regular correspondence with many who have personal problems and needs.

The publicity for the course started in March, and 564 were enrolled in the first six week period of the 564, 85 have completed the initial course, and 12 have completed all of the courses.

Self-support is almost a reality for the Baptist Book Store in Port-

ugal. In 1968, Portuguese Baptists opened a book store in Lisbon to serve the evangelical community with Christian literature and to be a positive witness. The volume of sales in 1974 made self-support almost within reach.

After depending on subsidy to remain in operation during the first years, Mrs. Herndon said the self-support "is a gratifying reality and makes feasible the future launching of publications as well as distribution of religious books."

Mrs. Herndon said the flow of pornographic and atheistic literature had increased and made a stock of secular books with a good witness difficult to maintain.

Some 1,500 Portuguese Baptists gathered in the city of Coimbra recently for the first meeting of all Baptists of Portugal. Three groups of Baptists exist in Portugal, according to Mrs. Herndon — The Portuguese Baptist Convention, with 2,600 members in 43 churches; the Association of Baptist Churches, with 750 in 15 churches; and several independent Baptist churches.

She said that although the meeting was a cooperative effort, there was no real indication that the Baptist groups may be joining forces. The high point of the gathering, which met under the theme "Baptists: Christians and Citizens," was the fellowship, she said.

The Baptist ministry shows itself through a Baptist seminary, a program of publications and a radio ministry, all in Arabic and each one with an international outreach.

When one thinks of a distinctly Lebanese ministry, one pictures the Beirut Baptist School which enrolls more than 800 students, and unlike many local schools, caters to both Christian and Muslim. The Baptist school remained open until bus drivers called in saying they were pinned down by gunfire.

If the pattern continues, families will be forced to spend long hours confined to relatively small apartments high above the streets. Day-laborers may see their children go hungry for want of work; the poor will suffer most.

Southern Baptist missionaries will stay on, admittedly frustrated by the situation but feeling somehow their presence may make a difference, and knowing that "brotherhood" is formed when people suffer together.

Among the foreigners who will remain are missionaries, not a few of whom have lived here over 25 years. The greatest concentration of American Protestant missionaries in the middle east is in Beirut, where many are connected to headquarter facilities which service the broader area.

Some 35 Southern Baptist missionary personnel in Lebanon, all in Beirut, are a small part of the missionary community. South-

ern Baptists arrived later than the American Presbyterians, who established a prestigious university here.

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The commitment lasts a year and a giver may designate amounts to churches, colleges, retirement homes, or other religious institutions. From each transfer, the company deducts 65 cents for its services, with 6% cents of that going to the NCC for its First Fruits staff and materials. The donor may receive a monthly statement from his or her church and an annual summary from the data processing company.

The five metro areas conducting the experiment, which is open also to churches outside those



NEW DEGREE — Archie King (second from left) and Billy Dean Roberts (third from left) both of Clinton, discuss the upcoming graduation with their professors, Dr. James Brewer (left), assistant professor of education and psychology; and Dr. John Blair, professor of education at Mississippi College. Both of these men will become the first recipients of Education Specialist degrees at the summer commencement exercises on Friday, August 15, at the Jackson City Auditorium. (M. C. Photo by Norman H. Gough)

## HEW Sec'y Mathews Is Alabama Baptist

By Stan Haste

WASHINGTON (BP) — Forrest David Mathews, sworn in as new Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare (HEW) by President Ford on August 8, is a Baptist who chooses not to wear his religion on the cuff.

For 20 years, since his student days at the University of Alabama, Mathews has belonged to the Calvary Baptist Church, a Southern Baptist congregation, in Tuscaloosa. The last six of those years, he has served as president of the University of Alabama.

During his undergraduate years at Alabama, he was active in the Baptist Student Union (BSU), serving as president of both the university and state BSU organizations. He has been a featured speaker at the annual session of the Alabama Baptist Convention and currently serves as trustee at Judson (Ala.) College, a Baptist school.

According to his pastor, Allan R. Watson, both Mathews and his wife Mary have led "exemplary" lives. At the same time, Watson notes that Mathews has been sensitive about parading his religious affiliation. "He has purposefully not wanted too much play on it," the pastor observed.

That trait seems consistent with Mathews' personality. Although his career has risen meteorically, he's a quiet and unassuming type. During his recent confirmation hearings before two committees of the U. S. Senate, reporters sometimes had to strain to hear his responses to senators' questions.

At 39, the youngest member of the president's cabinet, Mathews will undoubtedly find his biggest challenge yet in administering the mammoth HEW, largest of all the federal agencies. Its budget for the current fiscal year runs to \$120 billion, almost one-third of the federal budget.

Despite his youth, Mathews'

nomination seemed to surprise no one. At 33, when he became president of the University of Alabama, he was the youngest head of a major university in the nation. That was in 1969, and the young president already had nine years' experience as a college administrator in various posts.

### L. R. Riley Dies . . .

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Riley is survived by his wife, Core Kendall Riley; a granddaughter, Mrs. Roland Maddox of Memphis; and two great grandchildren, Melanie and Alan Maddox of Memphis. A son, Boyce Truett, died in infancy.

Rev. Riley was born Jan. 6, 1878, in Marshall County, Ky. He attended the Cope School in Calloway County and Kirksey High School before he entered John Tarleton College in Stephenville, Texas, and later Union University in Jackson, Tenn.

He taught school for eight years, serving three schools in Kentucky and teaching one year in Stephenville. He surrendered to preach in 1910 and was ordained Oct. 1, 1910. He retired from the ministry at the age of 75. He and Mrs. Riley made their home in Mayfield, Ky., until 1971, when they moved to Jackson, Miss.

During his ministry, Rev. Riley was active in revivals in Western Kentucky and in several other states. He participated in Bible study conferences and other religious activities and was moderator of several associations. He served a term on the Kentucky state mission board. He was the author of a book, "Baptists and their Doctrines," and led his last three churches in building programs.

He was a member of High Point Church in Mayfield until he moved to Jackson, Miss., and joined First Baptist Church there.

Officiating in the memorial service in Jackson were Rev. Frank Pollard, pastor; Dr. Joe Triplett, associate pastor; and Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, pastor emeritus of First Church.

## 10 Denominations To Try Electronic Fund Transfer

NEW YORK (BP) — Local churchers of 10 denominational groups will begin experimentation at the beginning of 1976 with a plan in five metropolitan areas in which banks, with proper authorization, may make monthly or quarterly payments directly to religious institutions.

Called "First Fruits — ACTS" (Authorized Contribution Transfer Service), the plan was developed by the Stewardship Commission of the National Council of Churches (NCC) with cosponsorship by the National Association of Church Business Administrators.

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## First Church, Tupelo, To Note 125th Anniversary

A week-long observation is planned by First Baptist Church, Tupelo, in observance of its 125th anniversary, beginning Aug. 17, according to an announcement by the pastor, Rev. Bill Nimmons.

Personalities to take part in the observance include Dr. Paul Stevens, president of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission; Rev. Paul Roaten, a missionary to Uruguay who was licensed and ordained by First Church; Dr. James Ware, professor of philosophies of religion and Bible at Austin College in Sherman, Texas; Dr. James Travis, professor of Bible at Blue Mountain College; and Dr. Carl Bates, former president of the Southern Baptist Convention and pastor of First Baptist Church, Charlotte,

N. C.

Dr. Bates met his wife when she was organist at First Church.

Leading the singing for the week will be Truitt Roberts, minister of music at First Baptist Church, Starkville, who was formerly on the Tupelo church staff.

There will be dinner on the grounds Sunday and a special feature on the history of the church following each of the evening services during the week.

First Church, Tupelo, was in existence before either the city or Lee County. It was first known as Hickory Grove Baptist Church and later as Tupelo Baptist Church. During its 125 years it has had 22 pastors, including the 30-year pastor of Rev. H. R. Holcomb from 1928 to 1958.

## James Williams To Lead Older Adult Conference

Dr. James D. Williams, Professor of Adult Education at Southwestern Seminary, will be the guest specialist to lead the five conferences on "Ministering with Older Adults" September 15-19.

These conferences, sponsored by the Church Training Department, are designed for pastors, other staff members, Church Training Directors, and leaders or potential leaders of ministries with older adults.

Two areas Dr. Williams will deal with are a Biblical Prospective on Aging and guidelines for creative church programming for older adults.

Dr. Williams said, "The heart of each conference will be a period when church teams have opportunity to gather specific information and materials about different kinds of ministries with older adults and plan to implement at least one of those ministries."

Bill Latham of the Church Training Department, who will direct the conferences, said that lunch will be provided for all conference participants. In addition, a mileage allowance will be paid to each church group, provided the entire group registers in advance and there is at least one older adult in the group. The allowance is 6¢ per mile for the driver plus 2¢ per mile for each rider with a limit of 12¢ per mile.

## 1974-75 SBC Gifts Program Outstrips 1973-74

NASHVILLE (BP) — Through the first 10 months of the 1974-75 fiscal year, the national Cooperative Program unified budget receipts of the Southern Baptist Convention continued to forge ahead of 1973-74.

Undesignated Cooperative Program receipts from 33 state conventions covering all 50 states totaled \$34,299,349 through July. That's a \$2.6 million or 8.15 percent increase over receipts at the same point last year.

Total gifts through July, combining an additional \$34,567,612 in designated gifts, amounted to \$88,867,461 — more than \$5.2 million or 8.19 percent above \$83,654,694 received through July, 1974. Designated gifts were up 6.23 percent.

For the month of July, alone, 1975 undesignated Cooperative Program receipts soared 18.15 percent ahead of 1974. July, 1975, Cooperative Program receipts for the month registered \$3,390,821, as opposed to \$2,944,777 in July 1974.

Total gifts in July, included designated contributions, totaled \$4,182,910 — a 12.30 percent increase over total receipts of \$3,680,311 in July, 1974.

Broadman Press, a publishing division of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board will publish the musical. It will be available in several months through Baptist Book Stores.



Mr. and Mrs. Hartcock



Rev. and Mrs. Holt

## To Glorieta Via El Paso!



Left to right: Marjean Patterson, Mississippi WMU Executive Secretary; Mrs. Curtis Askew, formerly of Houston, Mississippi, a state WMU leader in Hawaii; Miss Josephine Harris, retired foreign missionary to Hawaii.



Pictured at an Autograph Tea, seated left to right at the table, are Mrs. A. Harrison Gregory, newly elected President of Woman's Missionary Union, SBC; and Miss Carolyn Weatherford, Executive Secretary, Woman's Missionary Union, SBC.



Enjoying the fellowship during a get-together for Mississippians at Glorieta are, left to right: Mrs. John Causey, Corinth; Mrs. Daryl Hopkins, Corinth; and Mrs. Clifton Perkins, Greenwood.

By Barbara Taylor

Forty-eight Mississippians who traveled by chartered bus and the Baptist Building van enjoyed the bicultural flavor of the WMU Conference at Glorieta Baptist Conference Center in July.

With the theme, "Proclaim Liberty Throughout All the Earth," Woman's Missionary Union emphasized the meaning and the proclamation of liberty and freedom in our world.

The week of conferences provided training and instruction in methods for WMU leaders and members for the coming year.

Special inspirational features during the week included a period each day when a missionary spoke on, "How do you pray for a missionary?"

Home and foreign missionaries emphasized proclaiming freedom through Jesus Christ in various life situations — through Baptist Centers, through the written word, through the family, through the association.

Climaxing the week was a mock political rally during which the cheering mob, representing many states in the Southern Baptist Convention, heard nomination speeches for various WMU plans and programs for 1975-76. These programs were unanimously elected as the official plans for WMU, and were given pledges of support by the enthusiastic crowd.

The week at Glorieta surely was an exciting one — an inspiring one — a perfect way to begin WMU work for the '75-76 year.

Those from our state who traveled with the Mississippi WMU group also have much more to remember from the trip. For, prior to arriving at the conference center, the group enjoyed three days of touring together.

Our trip took us to Carlsbad, New Mexico, where we enjoyed the three-mile walk through Carlsbad Caverns! Before we reached the end of the walk, some of us were convinced that the measurement was wrong — and that it was more like ten miles! There are lighted pathways through the cave which lead to the Big Room at the end of the trail. There, in the Big Room Lunchroom, we had lunch before completing the final walk around the Big Room, in which stalactite and stalagmite formations give the feeling of being in a "fantasy land."

From Carlsbad we drove to

El Paso, Texas, for the night; and the next morning there was another treat in store for us. Mrs. Dot Pettit, a native of Meridian, who works at the Baptist Spanish Publishing House in El Paso, met us at the Publishing House and told us how tracts, pamphlets, magazines, and books are printed in Spanish and sent all over the world for Spanish-speaking people. We saw each step in the printing process — from the time an idea first put on paper, to the manuscript form, to the typesetter and printer, to the stitcher, trimmer-cutter, binder, to the completed product.

When we left the Publishing House, Mrs. Pettit walked with us across the border into Juarez, Mexico. There we watched as workers in a glass factory melted glass and formed it into various objects. As we sat in the factory, we saw some of the workers create a colorful roadrunner from the glass. Many in our group purchased bright hats, flowers, ponchos, jewelry, straw bags, flower pots, etc. — and then had to decide how to pack their souvenirs to get them safely back to Mississippi!

Albuquerque was our next stop, where the group went to Old Town and ate Mexican food at La Placita, a delightful restaurant on the square in Old Town. The food was very good — and some of it was very hot!

The next morning before leaving Albuquerque, Miss Helen Shoemaker, a missionary to the Indians, took us to the campus of the Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute. She told about the work which she does as an off-campus counselor for the school and about the development of a Christian ministry to the Indian students who attend there.

From Albuquerque the group drove to Santa Fe and enjoyed eating lunch and touring in the historic museums and buildings before continuing the trip to Glorieta.

The tours, the visits to the Spanish Publishing House and the Indian School, the fellowship and making of new friends — all had prepared us for the week ahead at Glorieta.

Woman's Missionary Union believes in training, and teaching, and providing opportunities to see first hand the many ways in which the Southern Baptist Convention is "proclaiming liberty throughout all the earth."

From Carlsbad we drove to

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## Woods, Rose Named To Key Posts

(Continued from page 1) viding for the Sunday School, church training, and church music departments to report directly, rather than through a group leader, to Allen B. Comish, director of the church services and materials division.

In addition, the church administration department was moved from the church program services group to report to the division office, and the family ministry section of the church administration department was moved out of that department and elevated to department status in the church program services group.

The church services and materials division had contained three groups, each headed by a leader — church program organization group (now deleted); central support group (made up of the art, materials and research services departments); and the church program services group (now containing the church architecture, church library, church recreation and newly-created family ministry departments).

"We are concerned that priorities be given to assignments from the Southern Baptist Convention

concerning pastors and their problems," said board president Grady C. Cothen, in discussing the church administration move. Joseph W. Hinkle, who supervised the family ministry section, was named secretary of the new family ministry department.

Charles R. Livingstone, leader of the now-deleted church program organization group, will transfer to the position of assistant to the director of the church services and materials division. He will succeed Morton F. Rose.

The trustees approved consolidation of the board's Broadman trade sales and Broadman consumer sales departments into the Broadman sales department.

Robert G. Fulbright, supervisor of the children's section in the board's Sunday School department, was elected to head another Broadman division department, the Broadman products department. He succeeds Ras B. Robinson, who resigned last May to en-

ter private church-related business in Texas.

Crawford Howell, present manager of the Broadman consumer sales department, was named to

### Revival Dates

Linn Church, Et. 1, Doddsville (Sunflower): Aug. 17-22; Rev. Marvin D. Bibbs, pastor First Church, Mathiston, evangelist; Herman Furniss, minister of music, Clarksdale, music evangelist; services 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Artie Nute, interim pastor.

New Hope Church (Lauderdale): Aug. 17-22; Rev. John Merck, pastor Shiloh Church in Saraland, Alabama, evangelist; David Blakeney, music director of Shiloh Church, music evangelist; services 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Jimmy Sanders, pastor.

head the new consolidated sales structure. The Broadman trade sales department management has been vacant since January, when Jimmy Edwards was named to manage the east central stores region of the board's bookstore division.

### Committee Endorses

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Robert Boswell, Baptist Student director at the University of Mississippi, who had been named for the term of one-year, was continued on an indefinite basis.

Glenn Perry, Philadelphia layman and chairman of the Executive Committee, presided at the meeting.

KINGSTON, Jamaica — Jamaican Baptists saw a 50 percent increase in church membership in 1974. Some 2,000 new Christians were baptized during the year.

## PASTOR-MISSIONARY RETREATS

All pastors and missionaries are invited to attend the camp most convenient. Each retreat begins at 9:50 in the morning and continues through the noon meal the second day. There will be no charge for meals and lodging, but do remember to bring your pillow and linens.

The program for the two days includes Bible study, Bible centered messages and relaxed fellowship. Dr. Garland Hendricks, Professor of Church-Community Development, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, North Carolina, and Dr. Earl Kelly, State Executive Secretary-Treasurer for Mississippi Baptists, will bring messages at all four retreats. Thirteen brief messages will be brought at each park on Chapter and Character Study by those pictured below.

### WALL DOXEY STATE PARK

Holly Springs

September 2-3



### LEROY PERCY PARK

Hollandale

September 4-5



### ROOSEVELT STATE PARK

Morton

September 9-10



### PAUL JOHNSON PARK

Hattiesburg

September 11-12



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### That Bible In Your Home

That Bible in your home... We should say Bibles, for in most American Christian homes there are several copies of the Scriptures. Often each member of the family has a copy, and there may be more than one version.

Anyway, you do have the Bible in your home. What does that mean to you?

How often do you read it?

Have you ever read it through?

Do you study it, seeking to glean some of the riches from its pages?

Is it a companion in the experiences of your daily life?

Is it a part of a daily worship experience for your family, and do you meditate upon its pages in personal study and devotion?

What would you do if you did not have a Bible?

What if it were a forbidden book, and through all the years of your life you never had possessed a copy?

Do you really thank God for the fact that you live in a land where

you can own a Bible, read the Bible, study the Bible, proclaim the Bible message, and freely possess the Bible as the treasure which it is?

Did you know that there are many areas, where the "Bible" freedom which you and I have in America does not exist?

A report in the current issue of Evangelical Newsletter gives a country by country report of the availability of the Bible in the "behind the Iron Curtain" countries of Eastern Europe. It is a startling report. Listen:

"At best only about 5% of the people living in the nine communist countries of Eastern Europe have received a portion of the Scripture in the past 28 years. About one-third (of those) were fortunate enough to obtain a Bible or a New Testament; the rest had to be content with a Bible portion."

According to the report, East Germany had the best supply. About 28% had access to Scripture.

Poland has had distribution of 3,263,840 of Scriptures or portions for a population of 33,000,000. Only 618,403 were complete Bibles. That means that about 11% of the people could have some portion of the Scripture.

About 1,000,000 Bibles or portions, two thirds distributed unofficially, have been available in the period for the 10.5 million people in Hungary. This is under 10%.

About 6.25% of Yugoslavia's 20 million people have had some access to Scripture.

About 9% of the people of Czechoslovakia about 6% of the people of Romania, and about 0.36% (just over one-third of one percent) of the people of Bulgaria and Albania would have been able to secure a Bible or portion since World War II, even if those getting them had each received only one portion.

In Russia since 1947 a grand total of 220,000 Scriptures have been printed, half of which were only New Testaments. However, it is possible that up to 1,800,000 scriptures and portions have been smuggled in during the period. This still would mean one portion for only 1.26% of the population.

Seven young Baptists were arrested near Riga (remember that

is in Latvia, a country which was overrun and made part of the USSR by the communists) for operating a hidden printing press. 30,000 just printed New Testaments were confiscated and according to a report in Highlights, the European Baptist Convention (English Language) publication, the seven young evangelical Baptists have been sentenced to terms of two and a half to four years in prison.

Do these figures startle you?

They should! In Bulgaria and Albania only one person in 300 could have secured a portion of the scripture since World War II, and in Russia, only one person out of 126.

Does not this explain the eagerness for the Bible which has been reported by Christian friends visiting communist lands? We have read of people weeping when they had the privilege of simply touching a copy of the Scriptures.

Yet, we, here in America, often have Bibles in our homes which seldom or never are opened. There probably are thousands of homes where the Bible is never read, either privately or in family devotions.

We have Bibles in many versions. Some of them are new translations which are easy and fascinating to read.

Yet, we neglect the book!

Do not we need to remember the people behind the Iron Curtain who would give almost anything they have for just one copy of the Bible? Will this not send us back to our Bibles with a new appreciation and love for them, and with a new purpose to read and study them?

**LET THE WORD SPEAK** by M. E. Ramay (Baptist Messenger Press, Author, 301 Hardy Dr., Edmond, OK 73034, paper, \$3.00) The author long has been known for his sound biblical baptistic faith and has written numerous books presenting doctrinal truths. Since some of his older books are out-of-print, this new one has been compiled. Chapters show how the Word of God speaks of itself, of doctrinal integrity, the plan of salvation, the church, denominational loyalty, the great commission, cooperation, and the ecumenical movement. The last chapter is a summary on how the Bible shapes theology. In a day when many Baptists do not know what they believe or why, this book presents the foundation of the Word of God itself as the basis of our faith. This is material which can be studied and can be preached and taught.

**SEMINARY, MISSISSIPPI** by Jerry M. Windsor (author, paper, 96 pp., \$4.00) The pastor of the First Baptist Church in Seminary, Mississippi writes the story of the small south Mississippi town which was incorporated 76 years ago. This is the graphic story of a little town that was largely built around a school. Numerous photographs are included with some dating back to the early part of this century.

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#### Guest Editorial

### Better Dead

John Hurt  
in

**Baptist Standard, (Texas)**  
Two days behind the Iron Curtain don't make me an expert on Communism nor do the dozens of books I have read over a score of years. Yet, I know I had rather be dead than under the Reds who are agents from hell.

Cross the border from West Germany into Czechoslovakia and there is the immediate contrast as between Park Avenue and the Bowery. The people are the walking dead, without expression and without purpose. They live only to die and they show it.

Skip this chatter about there being no rich nor any poor. They are all poor. Some are clean, as the two Jewish women who sat in front of me on the park bench, but the clothing of all is of a cheap fabric which emphasizes the poverty.

Freedom is gone. Newspapers echo the party line and nothing more. Magazines and newspapers from the free world are banned. You may find one, as we did, who will talk a bit but you keep walking lest the area be bugged.

We heard quite a bit of the propaganda. Everybody has a job. Some of the farm work goes undone for shortage of hands. It is the same in the factories. It is obvious. Everybody who can has fled the country. Others have no incentive to do more than the minimum which is required.

Trains are dirty and long overdue for maintenance. They came from East Germany and Russia and you only guess as to cost. Street cars belong to the early days

of public transportation. But enough of the economy.

How many churches in Prague? We couldn't get the answer but we learned it has been a long time since any was built. "We have more than we need," is the explanation. They probably are right since religion is underground.

Beautiful cathedrals, a waste of money when built amid poverty, are only for tourists. Some are being seized for museums or similar secular use. Religion is taboo in Czechoslovakia.

Family life is gone. The state takes the child at the age of two, or earlier, into day care centers and later into schools. Parents, both working, have them at night and over the weekend. Regimentation is the normal. Children walking two abreast along the sidewalk or heading for a holiday in the country, are learning to be puppets of the state.

See all this and you can't escape concern about detente. You remember then freedom of religion and freedom of speech go down first when dictators get control. Then, you fear what's ahead in Portugal, India and several of the Third World nations. You wonder how strong Communism is in Italy.

Why, if Communism is so great, is it so rare for permission to come and see? Why, if the people are so happy, are they not allowed to visit free countries? Why the border patrols, double fences with dog patrols, watch towers?

"Better dead than Red" is a slogan which should be revived—quickly. I subscribe to it in toto. I thank God for a nation of the free but worry about how long it will be this way.—JJH

#### NEWEST BOOKS

**WOMAN — AWARE AND CHOOSING** by Betty J. Coble (Broadman, 151 pp., \$5.95) The title of the book is from a program which is a course in the principles of a good marriage taught by Mrs. Coble. She has been the wife of a Southern Baptist pastor for more than 30 years, and her husband is a member of the Southern Baptist Executive Committee from California. He is also a former chairman of the executive board of the Southern Baptist General Convention of California. Chapter titles in the book include basic needs of a wife in marriage; identity crisis; your marriage as you see it; seeing husband as he is; how a wife communicates her needs; wife's need a husband's love; husband's needs; battle grounds: in-laws, children, finances, sex; description of a happy wife; household manager — enjoyable place to be; strength to build a good marriage; becoming what you want to be.

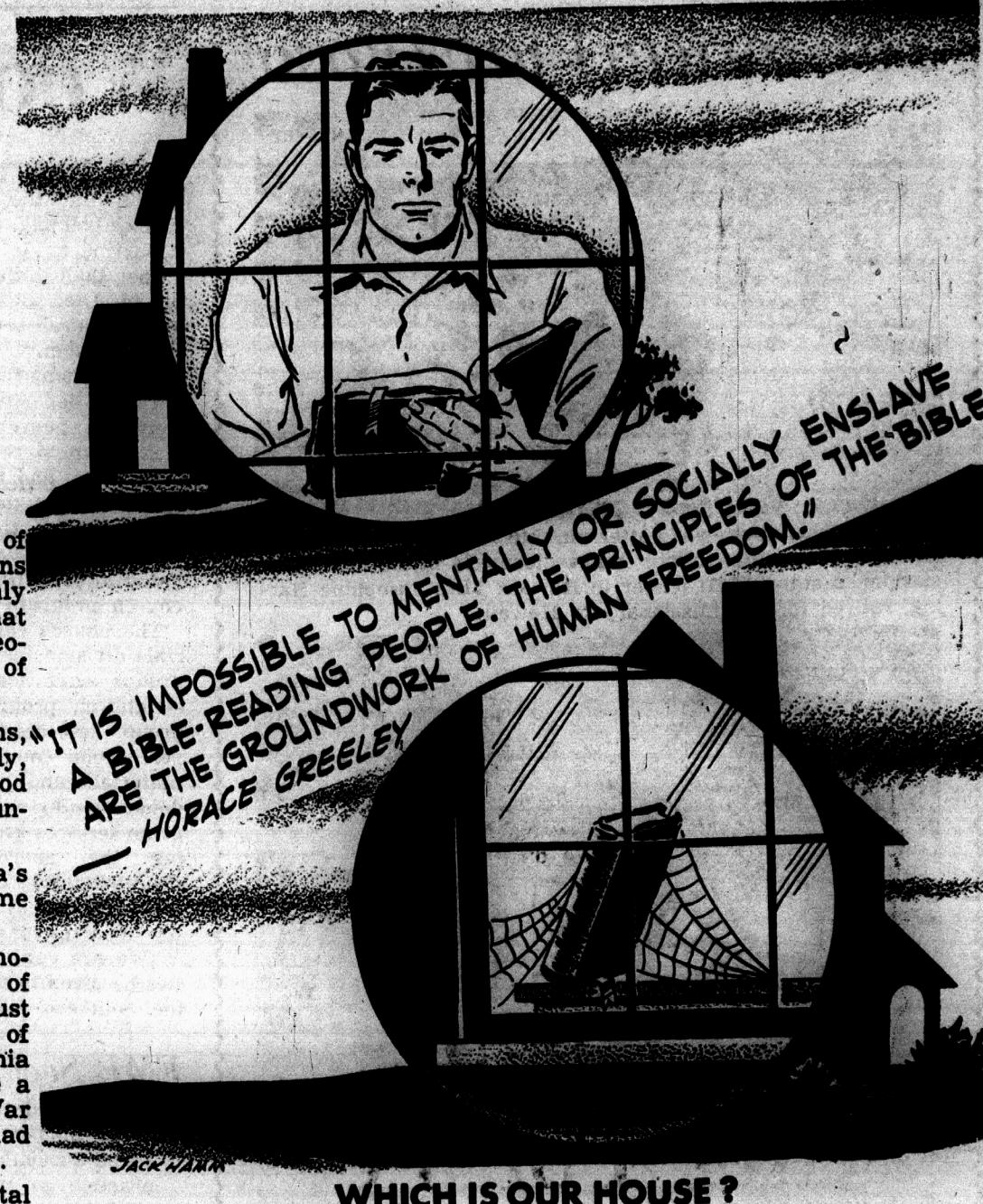
**YOUR RETIREMENT** by Herbert Askwith (Hart Publishing Co., 157 pp., \$7.50) The subtitle is "How To Plan For It — How To Enjoy It To The Fullest." Here are 11 chapters dealing with almost every possible relationship and problem which retirement brings. The author suggests that those facing retirement need to think ahead and plan ahead to make this a time of pleasure and satisfaction. He discusses income, insurance and medical care, activity, cultivating the mind, hobbies, family relationships, social life, citizenship, where to live, and the problems of the woman who is left alone in retirement. This is a manual which should be of real value to many senior citizens.

**CRISIS IN THE PULPIT** by Chevra F. Horne (Baker, 144 pp., \$4.95) The author is pastor of First Baptist Church in Martinsville, Virginia where he has been for more than 25 years. The subtitle of the book is "The pulpit faces future shock." The author talks about the crisis in this day when preaching no longer has the ears of a listening world. This is a call for proclamation of the Word of God in a day of many voices.

**THE UNRAVELING OF AMERICA** by Stephen V. Monsma (InterVarsity, 228 pp., paper, \$4.95) The introductory page says, "Wherein the author analyzes the inadequacy of current political options and responds with a Christian approach to government." The author is a professor of political science at Calvin College. The present American political scene is treated in the light of the Bible revelation concerning man. The author does not provide answers to all of the problems but does look at them in a Christian perspective and he does show how the Christian ethic is needed.

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### WHICH IS OUR HOUSE?

#### THE BAPTIST FORUM

### Mississippi College Seeks Photograph Of Isaac Newton Urner

Dear Dr. Odle:

Mississippi College is, during the 1975-76 session, not only celebrating the 150th birthday as an institution of higher learning, but also 125 years of leadership by the Baptist denomination.

In this connection we are seeking to obtain pictures of all our presidents since Baptist began operation in 1850. After searching Baptist historical records and college annuals, etc. I have been unable to locate a picture of our first president Isaac Newton Urner, LL.D. who served from 1850 to 1867.

If any one in your reading audience should have a picture or point me in the right direction, I should be most grateful. Please ask them to call me collect.

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### Deplores "Silence" On Communist Takeover

Dear Dr. Odle:

I was pleased that at long last a little opposition to the enslaved peoples of the Communist butchers and murderers of this world has been registered by you in the Baptist Record. It has been incredible, frustrating, and disillusioning that Baptists per se have been at a deadpan silence over the cruel oppression of the millions and millions of helpless people by the tyrants and slavers.

Even as our mission work has been utterly wiped out in country after country and the missionaries move to another country and the U.S. continues to finance, feed and arm our avowed enemies, one would never from the press, any other news media — even the denominational periodicals — know that there is not full accord from Baptists on this.

May God have mercy on America, Southern Baptists and all others for the crimes that have been perpetrated in "these last" days. There are times "when silence is not golden" but criminal.

Mrs. H. H. Brooks  
Columbus, MS

### How Can Small Churches Protect Their Property?

Dear Bro. Odle:

I want to thank you for publishing the article by Bonita Sparrow about — well, it was headlined, "SBC Churches Report Growing Violence" in the July 31 issue of the Baptist Record.

A former Mississippian who did quite a bit of supply preaching in Mississippi and still doing quite a bit of supply work as a student at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City; I have run across many instances where the kind of thing reported in the article has happened.

Every church I have been to in the last four months — even the smallest congregations in the most out of the way places — locks the doors of the church when there is no church group meeting there. The reason is repeatedly, "We didn't want to lock the doors, but we had a series of break-ins. We had to do it. The next time you come the key is..."

Each church seems also to think they are the only one in the area which locks its doors during the week. Hopefully, the article will be carried in all the state papers. This will help the people of these small churches realize that they are not

#### Knowledge Minus Action!

In some areas of life, some "authorities" have written helpfully of how to succeed but who, in those same areas, have failed to succeed. They knew the theories and communicated them articulately in their articles or books; yet, in the translation of those theories into life, they did not achieve the successes about which they wrote.

It is not an over-simplification, therefore, to say that to know the truth is not enough for successful living: only a translation of the known truths into the fabric of daily living suffices to prove the accuracy and efficacy of that knowledge.

In the earthly ministry of Jesus, there were instances of knowledge without translation on the part of his hearers. Judas knew very well how to live but, tragically, he permitted selfish motives to replace his knowledge of honorable living, and his name for all the ages will be synonymous with betrayal. The Rich Young Ruler knew what he needed to do to inherit eternal life, for Jesus told him with clarity and compassion what he needed to do; yet, rejecting that knowledge, he walked away from Jesus into oblivion.

On the other hand, a fisherman heard the call of Christ, listened to his teachings, translated them into his life, and became the immortal preacher of Pentecost, the beloved Apostle Peter. Paul received the knowledge of what to do from his Damascus Road experience forward; and, translating that knowledge into living action, he became second only to Christ, it is generally agreed, in his impact upon the history of Christianity.

High on the list of major sins, surely, must be the sin of acting against one's clear knowledge of what is right. James 4:17 sounds that note rather clearly: "Remember, too, that knowing what is right to do and then not doing it is sin."

Two soul-searching questions may well be asked of each of us: (1) How much of what I know about Christian living have I translated into my life? (2) How much of what I say I believe have I validated through my actions?

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the only ones who are locking their doors.

Someone should research what can be done by the small congregation beyond simply locking the doors. Many of them can't afford expensive detection devices. How can they protect their property?

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Dublin Church, Prentiss: Aug. 10-15; Rev. Harold Wilson, pastor of Union Church, Tylertown, evangelist; services at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Mrs. Hollis Jones, music director; Rev. L. C. Anthony, pastor.

Central Church, Brookhaven: August 17-22; services Monday-Friday at 12 noon and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. H. Glen Schilling, pastor and evangelist; and Mike Grim, music director; "All the Way With Jesus," theme.

## Revival Results

Oak Grove (Jeff-Davis): seven additions; four by transfer; three for baptism; Rev. Z. Miller Freeman from Forest City, North Carolina, evangelist; Dr. John E. Barrow, pastor, song leader.

Faithview Church, Saucier: July 28 - August 3; Rev. Steve Pouncey, Heidelberg, pastor of Corinth, evangelist; C. H. (Pop) Stone of East Howard, Biloxi, singer; dinner on the ground Aug. 3, followed by baptismal services; 42 additions to the church in past ten months, 10 by letter and 32 for baptism; Rev. Olen M. Breland, pastor.

Eastside Church, Pearl: Aug. 17-24; week day services at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Dr. John Hull, full-time evangelist, Marietta, Ga.; H. A. Milner, Jr., director of music; Rev. Howard Benton, pastor.

First, Horn Lake: August 17-24; Dr. Ray Roberts, executive secretary, Ohio Baptist Convention, evangelist; Lynn Madden, minister of music and youth at First, Horn Lake, singer; Rev. Billy E. Roby, pastor; services Mon.-Sat. at 7:30 p.m.; both Sundays at 8:15 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Philadelphia (Zion): August 17-23; at 7:30 p.m.; Dr. Edward Harvey of Crystal Springs, evangelist; Rev. James Kirkland, pastor.

Sunshine Church (Rankin): Aug. 17-22; Rev. Sam Creel, pastor Highland Church, Jackson, evangelist; Bill Souther, minister of music at Sunshine, music evangelist; services 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Mike Willoughby, pastor.

Big Ridge, Biloxi: August 25-31; services 10 a.m. and 7:15 p.m.; Rev. A. V. Faggard, Amite, La. evangelist; Grant Shipp, music director; Rev. Robert M. Carlisle, pastor.

Carson (Jeff Davis): Aug. 10-15; 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Hilton Lane, pastor-director of resort missions in Fairfield Bay, Arkansas, evangelist; Marilyn and Lloyd Mims, musicians (Mr. Mims is minister of music at Collins); Rev. Billy R. Therrell, pastor.

Pine Bluff (Copiah): Aug. 14-17; Rev. Kenneth Westbrook, pastor, Dunkin Memorial Church, Indianola, Fla., evangelist; Cathi Hood, singer; services each night at 7:30 and Sunday morning 10:30; Rev. Lamar Jolly, pastor.

Plaie Church (Greene): Aug. 11-17; Rev. Ron Stuckey, Meridian, evangelist; Mrs. Frances Smith, music evangelist; services Sunday regular time, weekdays 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Lannie W. Smith, pastor.

Cherry Creek (Pontotoc): Aug. 24-29; services at 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Wiley Gann of Wheeler Church, evangelist; Harold Reeder, song leader; Rev. Joe Herndon, pastor.

Bethany (Jasper): Aug. 17-22; services at 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Steve Pouncey, from Corinth (Jasper), former pastor at Bethany, evangelist; Rev. Darrel Craft, pastor; homecoming Aug. 17, with dinner on the ground, Rev. Ben Evans, former pastor, bringing the morning message, and singing and recognition of former pastors and members in the afternoon.

Edwards Church (Hinds-Madison): Aug. 17-22; Rev. Fred Tarpaley, director of associational missions for Hinds-Madison, evangelist; Frank Stiedle, music evangelist; Sunday services 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; weekday 7:30 p.m.; Rev. D. W. Green, pastor.

Liberty (Rankin): Aug. 10-15; Rev. Max Jones, evangelist, and Lee Faulkner, singer, both of Crystal Springs; services at 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Harold McLendon, pastor. (Homecoming was held Sunday with Centrals and Liberty Four singing).

Ebenezer (Jeff Davis): Aug. 10-15; Rev. Carl Barnes, pastor of Emmanuel, Monroe, La., evangelist; Rev. Ralph Cranford, pastor; services at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Handsboro Church: August 15, 16, 17; weekend revival; George Fields, singer - guitar player-recording artist - yarnspinner and seminarist, evangelist; Rev. J. K. Ham, pastor; services Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 8:30 a.m., 11 a.m. and 7:15 p.m. (Mr. Fields, a student at Southern Seminary, was born in McComb, but spent most of his childhood in Louisiana where his father was a Baptist minister.)

Pleasant Hill Church, Magee (Simpson): Aug. 17-22; Rev. Tommy D. Walker, evangelist; services regular time on Sunday, and 7:30 during week; Rev. Ju-dene Purser, pastor.

First Church, Union (Newton): Aug. 17-22; Dr. Walter Nunn, evangelist, of Jasper, Alabama; Rev. Raymond Powell, singer, Gadsden, Alabama; services at 12 noon and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Douglas White, pastor.

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Juniper Grove (Pearl River): Rev. Jerry Mixon of Petal, evangelist; Mike McDaniels, music director, singing; Rev. Kenneth Rhodes, pastor; homecoming on August 17, with regular morning services, dinner on the grounds, and an afternoon service at 1:30, but no evening service.

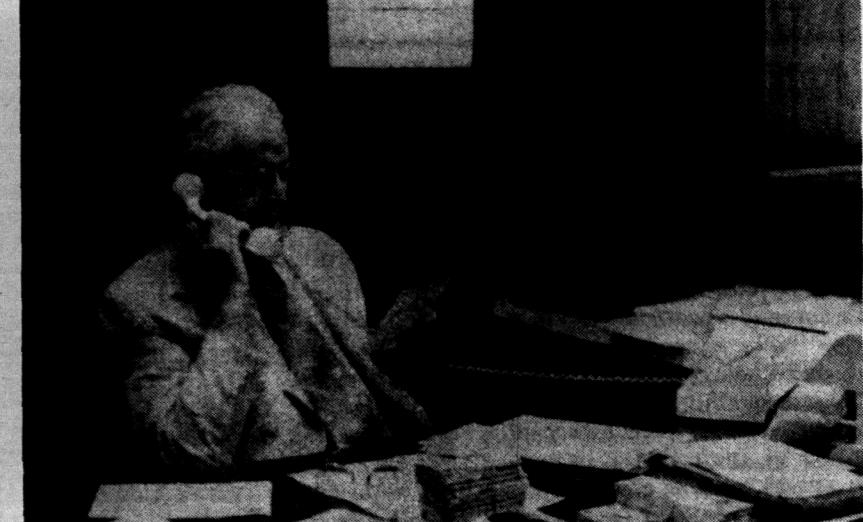
Osyka Church: Aug. 17-22; morning services at 7 and evening services at 7:30; Rev. James Fancher, evangelist; C. O. Stegall, Jr., directing the music; Rev. Drew D. Blanton, pastor.

Pine Forest (Lauderdale): August 17-24; a program of gospel music on Aug. 17, featuring the Reflections of Stonewall and Slim Burns of Meridian; evening services August 20-24; Rev. Malcolm Lewis, pastor of Liberty Church in Kemper County, preaching; Rev. Harold Lollar, pastor, leading music; Mrs. Bobbie Swearingen, organist; Mrs. Sue Branning, pianist.

Grandview (Lauderdale): Aug. 15-17; Rev. Michael Thompson from Rock Branch (Newton), preaching; Rev. Michael Harris, pastor; services at 7:30 p.m.

## 700 Contacts In Five Months

# Retired Pastor, Nearly Blind, Keeps Praying For People By Telephone



Rev. W. R. Storie, retired and almost blind, prays with a man on the telephone, from his office in Parkway Church, Jackson.

By Anne Washburn McWilliams  
"I believe in praying — about everything. I have seen many, many miracles in answer to prayer. I have seen the lonely, the aged, and the sick receive peace and comfort — unbelievers turn to God — drunks turn away from drink, the unemployed find jobs, childless couples given children."

He picked up an index card with over-sized phone numbers sprawled across it. From another stack he selected a card with very large lettering: Isa. 58:11; Phil. 4:6-7; Isa. 41:13. Closing one eye so he could use the other to better advantage, he dialed the number, and talked a moment with someone. He quoted Scripture. "For I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee." And over the phone he prayed with the wife of a man dying with cancer.

Rev. W. R. Storie, age 72, retired after 42 years as pastor and six years as prayer evangelist with the E. J. Daniels Crusade Team, spends at least twenty hours a week at Parkway Church, Jackson, praying with people, mostly by telephone. Between the end of January and the end of June this year he made 700 personal contacts, 75 per cent by phone. Though he's not officially on Parkway's staff, they furnish a nice office and the telephone. Near blindness stopped his traveling and preaching, but not his praying.

Suddenly it struck me. If he were almost blind, how could he read Scripture to people on the phone?

"I work by memory and eat by instinct," he laughed. "I have memorized many chapters of the Bible and know dozens of verses that are promises from God." He handed me a small tract "Eight Precious Prayer Promises," and explained that he had compiled this and several others on prayer promises.

"How do you know who to call, and what to pray for?"

He showed me a heavy looseleaf notebook: "This is full of names of people I pray for, and of their prayer requests. I pray with people who need jobs, who are in financial trouble, who are concerned about unsaved persons, who are in marital difficulty, who are ill."

"Parkway's 1200 families, and 3200 members, alone, would make a long prayer list. After Sunday School the other day, three people stopped me and asked me to pray for them. Then, too, many call from other churches. Some call long distance from other towns and states. This continues at my home, as well as

in the office here.

"People who can't come to church, for various reasons, soon feel out of touch with other members, sometimes feel forgotten. To have someone call and pray with them, and say that the church still cares for them, is wonderful therapy. This is a ministry that many senior citizens, with tact and ability, could offer.

"Of course, I pray always that His will may be done. I don't want anything God doesn't think I need or anything He doesn't want for my life. He has provided for my needs always, in gifts from a nickel to thousands of dollars. My philosophy is don't worry about anything — but with thanksgiving and supplication let your requests be made known unto God."

"Just to show you how the Lord provides when we ask. One day I asked the Lord if he thought it would be all right to let me have some quail. Soon afterward I was in a prayer revival in Pearl River County — I told no one about my prayer. — One day a man at the church said, 'I want you to go with me to see a farm where they raise thousands of quail. Naturally I went to look at the birds — and when I got ready to leave, the farmer said, 'By the way, I want to give you some frozen quail to cook for your dinner.'

Carolyn Madison, former worker with the state Sunday School Department and member of Parkway, wanted him to pray for her some quail, too. A few weeks later she saw him at church and said, "Brother Storie, you can stop praying for my quail. A friend of mine brought me some for supper last night!"

He has plans for making his office one of the most beautiful rooms to be found. On one wall there is a poster on Around-the-Clock Prayer. For this, he is setting up a schedule of designated people praying around the world, morning, afternoon, and night. He visualizes a map of Mississippi and a map of the world, with markers to show where these people are praying at certain times of the day.

"I make a list of prayer needs and pray for them, expecting the Lord to provide." He handed me the prayer list for his office: a rug; drapes; bookshelves with books on prayer; the Holy Spirit, and revivals; pictures on prayer subjects; a couch; a handsome clock; lamps; tables; a candy jar; file cabinets; a "tape" phone; a two-way Watts line; a rocker "to be my intercessory prayer rocker." He believes God will provide the items on this list. And, you know, I'm convinced he's right.

**Song**  
When the voices of children are heard on the green  
And laughing is heard on the hill,  
My heart is at rest within my breast,  
And everything else is still.

—From the poem by William Blake (1790)

**A Time For Growth**

To us God gives the seasons four,  
With each His purpose and His plan;  
And summer is the time for growth  
Of herds and seeds and plants, for man.

The thought that comes to me just now  
As summer shows great harvest yields—

What have we done for God, my friends,

As we strode through His harvest fields?

—Victoria Singley

## The Tide Rises, The Tide Falls

The tide rises, the tide falls,  
The twilight darkens, the curlew calls;  
Along the banks damp and brown  
The traveler hastens toward the town;

And the tide rises, the tide falls.

Darkness settles on roofs and walls,  
But the sea, the sea in the darkness calls;

The little waves, with their soft, white hands,

Efface the footprints in the sand;

And the tide rises, the tide falls.

The morning breaks; the steeds in their stalls

Stamp and neigh, as the hostler calls;

The day returns, but nevermore

Returns the traveler to the shore,

And the tide rises, the tide falls.

—Henry Wadsworth Longfellow (1807-1882)

## SCRAPBOOK

### A Day

I'll tell you how the sun rose—

A ribbon at a time.

The steeples swam in amethyst.

The news like squirrels ran.

The hills untied their bonnets,

The bobolinks began.

Then I said softly to myself,

"That must have been the sun!"

But how he set, I know not.

There seemed a purple stile.

Which little yellow boys and girls

Were climbing all the while.

Till when they reached the other

side,

A dominie in gray

Put gently up their evening bars,

And led the flock away.

—Emily Dickinson

(1830-1886)

### If Love Is True

The road has been rugged and steep, my love  
The years have been trying at times,  
Hand in hand we've steadily climbed

O'er the hills all lovers will find.

The sea has been stormy and deep, my love

Our ship has been tossed about,

With steadfast anchor we stayed afloat

For love like ours can harbor all doubt.

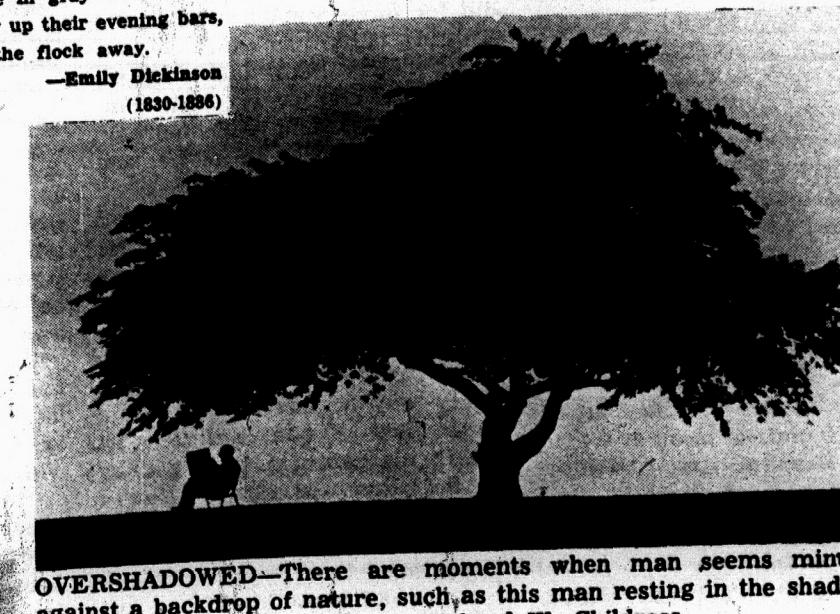
The night has been dark and cloudy, my love

Dreams were often filled with fear,

But there was God's benevolent hand

To salvage the love we hold so dear.

—Claire Williams



OVERSHADOWED—There are moments when man seems minute against a backdrop of nature, such as this man resting in the shadow of a giant oak. RNS Photo by Richard W. Childress.

## Old Hebron

### Youth Choir

#### Sings In Florida

The Youth Choir of Old Hebron Church (Jeff Davis) presented the musical "Alleluia" in concert, Sunday night, August 10. The choir is under direction of James A. Smith, of Prentiss, minister of music and youth.

The choir is on tour in Florida August 12-16. They performed on Tuesday at First Church, Greenville, Florida, spent Wednesday afternoon and all day Thursday at Disneyworld in Orlando, and will perform at First Church, Oceanway, Jacksonville, on Friday night.



#### Cornersville Gives Check For \$100 To Summer Missionary

Cornersville Church presented a check for \$100 to Regina Greer before she left to spend ten weeks as summer missionary in Chile. Miss Greer is one of 32 students who are home and foreign missionaries this summer under sponsorship of the Baptist Student Union of Mississippi. A senior and a library science major at the University of Mississippi, she is serving as a librarian in Chile. Pictured are, l to r, Rev. Albert Wilkerson, pastor of Cornersville Church, Regina, and her mother, Mrs. James R. Greer of Cornersville.



#### Temple Church Youth Go On First Tour

The Youth Choir of Temple Church, Petal, left Monday, July 28 to go on a church-sponsored choir tour, the first for the church's youth choir. They returned August 2. The group performed in north Mississippi, in Alabama and parts of Georgia. While in Georgia, they visited Six Flags Over Georgia in Atlanta. The choir director is Joe Clark. The group presented the musical, "I'm Here, God's Here, Now We Can Start," on the tour, and then again at their home church.



#### Pontotoc Youth Go On Mission To Illinois

A youth group, representing First Church, Pontotoc, went on a mission tour July 15-26, in the suburban areas of Chicago, Illinois. This group of high school and college students assisted First Church, Lombard, Illinois, in backyard Bible clubs, religious surveys in unchurched areas, and conducting worship services. Enroute to and from Lombard they led services at First, Mascoutah, Illinois, and at First Church, Petersburg, Illinois. Dr. Wayne Kimbrough, associate pastor, and Mrs. Kimbrough, right, were sponsors.

## Young Baptist Dies In Wayne County Hospital

Jack Jenkins, Jr. died July 17 at Wayne General Hospital, at the age of 22. Funeral services were held at Oak Grove Church near Shubuta on July 19, with Rev. Hollis Nix officiating. Burial was in Oak Grove Cemetery.

When he was eight, Jack learned he has aplastic anemia. Every three weeks for fourteen years he had to be given two pints of blood. Since his family moved to Shubuta eight years ago, he had received 300 pints of blood at Wayne General Hospital. Last November he also became a diabetic.

An A and B student, Jack graduated from Quitman High School in 1972 and attended Jones Junior



#### "The Ebenezer Rock" Sings At The Lincoln Memorial

THE EBENEZER ROCK, youth choir from Parkview Church, Greenville, presented a concert at the reflecting pool in front of the Lincoln Memorial, Washington, D. C. on June 21. In their 1975 tour they also sang at churches in Tennessee, Virginia, Maryland, West Virginia, and Kentucky.

On return, they gave a home concert at Parkview.

Jon Mills, minister of music and director of the choir, states that the group's name comes from

I Samuel 7:12.

## Handbell Ringers Give Concert At Coldwater

Handbell Ringers of First Church, Coldwater recently presented a concert in the church sanctuary. They have membership with the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers.

The Handbell Ringers are made up of three choirs under the direction of Miss Bess Boone.

Carillonneurs are Kathy Embrey, Patricia McNutt, Lynn Pounds, Janet Veazey, Connie McKelroy, Billie Sue Earney, Debra Veazey.

The Baptist Bells are Charlotte Earney, Peggy Pounds, Cindy Hadskey, Denise Ferguson, Sarah Algee, Billie Earney.

The Melody Makers are Sheila Spencer, Janet Holden, Hope Adams, Ellen Algee.

The Universe  
The universe is,  
and then some;  
Maybe more.  
—Mark Leggett



#### "I Like The Sound Of America"

The 8-11 year-old Children's Choir of First Church, Coffeeville, presented the bicentennial musical, "I Like The Sound Of America" on Sunday evening, June 29. The choir presented the musical at Emmanuel, Grenada, on August 3 and First, Indianola on August 6. The director is Paul Harper.

## Harperville Girls Enlist Youth For Church

By Kathy Burnham

"Suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

In September of 1974 a new and determined experience began for two youth of Harperville Baptist Church. Belinda Burnham and Debbie Crott began their work of enlisting transient children in the

Harperville area in church activities. They were aware of the need of these children, whose families were always moving from place to place, to be involved in the church and decided something should be done about it.

Along with these girls, others in the church began visiting the



#### Olive Choir Makes First Trip

Olive Church Youth Choir (Pearl River) has completed a successful tour through Louisiana and Mississippi. They made stops in Pearl River, La., Hattiesburg, McComb, and Pascagoula. It was the first trip for this choir. They plan to sing in area churches later this summer. The choir is directed by Dionne Williams, music and youth director. Dr. C. B. Hamlet is interim pastor.



#### Conduct Mission VBS In Colorado

For the third consecutive year, members of the College and Career Class at First Church, Summit, and the Baptist Student Union at Southwest Mississippi Junior College have conducted a Vacation Bible School at the Summit Baptist Church in Wiggins, Colorado. They are also attending Student Week at Glorieta Conference Center this week in New Mexico.

## Hot Springs Site Of Youth Ministry Meet

NASHVILLE — Hot Springs will be the site of the 1975 Central conference on youth ministry held Oct. 13-16 according to Howard B. Foshee, secretary, church administration department, Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

The conference is one of 14 "Regional Conferences on Youth Ministry," conducted throughout the

before he died. She is a precious girl named Mary Lou Shirley. She went every place with Jack. When he didn't feel like driving, she would. They went to church together. She would carry him to the hospital and stay all day with him and until 10 at night when he had a transfusion. She was with him when he died.

"He never complained. He went to church, and worshiped God. He became a Christian eleven years ago in Birmingham, Alabama.

"He had a good Christian doctor, W. W. Walley, who is also a Baptist and who helped Jack in every way he could.

"In 1969 I had a little girl whom we named Lisa. My baby at the time was eleven. Now I know that God gave me Lisa as someone to comfort me when I would need it.

"Jack did know love for a girl

SBC this year. The regional conferences are planned exclusively for church coordinators of youth ministry. Bob R. Taylor, youth ministries coordinator in that department, is leader of the conferences.

The Arlington Hotel, located in Hot Springs National Park, is headquarters for the conference.

The conferences are sponsored by the church administration, Sunday School, church recreation, church music and church training departments of the board; and the Brotherhood Commission and Woman's Missionary Union.

For registration, persons should send a \$25 deposit, name, church and address to Bob R. Taylor, 127 Ninth Ave., N., Nashville, Tenn., 37234, telephone number (615) 254-5461. If cancellation is made on Friday before the conference, the deposit will be refunded.



#### Sonshine Presents First Concert

Sonshine of Calvary Church, West Point, presented their first concert July 6 to a full house. Many decisions were made for Christ. The folk group is under the direction of Slim Cornett (center). Rev. E. G. Pounders, Jr. is pastor.



#### "Victory" Travels To Miami For VBS, Concerts

Through combined efforts of the Home Mission Board and the Florida Baptist Convention, the youth of Mt. Vernon Church, Columbus, Mississippi, conducted a mission Vacation Bible School in the Miami area during July. Enrollment was 105. The Mt. Vernon youth ensemble, VICTORY, above, presented the musical, "Reaching People," at churches in the Miami area. Through projects such as janitorial service, car-washes, cleaning yards, and generosity of the Mt. Vernon people, practically all expenses were paid in advance. The trip was under leadership of Gaines-O. Hyche, minister of music, youth and education for Mt. Vernon. Mr. Hyche says, "This tour was exceptional and the youth, having been trained for mission VBS work, did a superb job."

## Today's Youth

homes of these children to witness and invite them to church.

Belinda and Debbie had worked with some of these children in Vacation Bible School and grew to love and understand their desires to learn of the church and its work. They also were aware of a number of youth in the area who had never been to church.

The idea of using one church member's van was brought before the church and it was agreed to use the van as transportation for the mission.

Debbie says that the first night of their work will never be forgotten. Everyone of the children they had visited, with the exception of one family, were present. The children seemed rather shy, and unsure whether they should be there or not, so the first point that was put across to them was that they were loved and cared for just as the other children in Harperville Church.

This mission work has continued for nine months and the results have been very rewarding. Through music and Bible study provided by Debbie and Belinda, more and more kids in the area are becoming involved in the learning of communication and responsibilities of church work.

Neither Belinda nor Debbie can explain their intense feelings of beginning or continuing the work of this mission, but feel that God, in his own special way, is working through them. Because of the increasing interest in their endeavor, the church recently acquired a large bus so more families can be reached.

#### Trinity Conducts Bogue Homa VBS

Two Choctaw youngsters, above, prepare to carry the flags for the opening exercises of the 1975 Mission Vacation Bible School July 7-11 at Bogue Homa. Workers from Trinity Church, Laurel, who have conducted the school for the past four summers reported an enrollment of 35 this year. Mrs. Robert Scruggs commented, "Working in the school was wonderful and we were thrilled to see ten of the older girls and boys accept Jesus as Savior."

#### MK Weds

Helen Whitten, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Whitten, missionaries to Spain, married Steve Cobb, July 6, 1975, in Louisville, MS. Her parents may be addressed at Mateo Inurria 11, 3C, Madrid 16, Spain.



#### Marks Choir Visits Fort Worth

The Youth Choir of First, Marks, top photo, presented the musical, "Share," on July 27 and will present it again in August, under direction of James Francis, minister of music and youth. The young people left July 28 for a tour of Dallas and Fort Worth, Texas, and Southern Baptist Convention agencies there. In bottom photo several of them are shown in front of the Radio and Television Commission building in Fort Worth with Dr. Alvin 'Bo' Huffman, center, executive v-p of the Commission. From left are Jim Bradford, Cheri Smith, Dr. Huffman, Terri Ford, and Marty Sharp. The group was led by their pastor and wife, Rev. and Mrs. Gordon Sansing. (Radio-TV Photo by Bonita Sparrow)

# Growth In Our Relationships

By W. J. Fallis

Romans 12:9-21; 14:1 to 16:6;

1 Corinthians 13

Last year the POWs reminded us again how valuable relationships are. Although kept in separate cells or even solitary confinement, they were constantly devising ways of communicating with one another. When one scheme was discovered and destroyed, they tried something else. Jailed, threatened, tortured, and inactive for years, those men yearned for meaning.

  
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## Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work

# Groping For Life's Meaning

By Bill Duncan

Ecclesiastes 1:1-22:18

This is the first of a series of Bible study lessons on the theme of "Coping with Life's Dilemmas." This section deals with "Searching for Life's Meaning." Have you made the discovery that life does not make sense?

The main character in the book of Ecclesiastes struggles with the question: "How can life best be lived?" He discovered the answer only after he had walked hopefully down many blind alleys of human experience only to find that each ended in a blank wall of frustration. His favorite explanation for life was "vanity of vanities! all is vanity."

Little by little he finds a passageway through life.

One needs to read the whole book (12 chapters) to see that life is like a "schoolmaster leading men to Christ," because the book reveals how futile and vain life is without Christian faith.

What is it about life that is hard to understand? According to Ecclesiastes the anomalies of life baffle mankind. The wicked experience what the righteous deserve and the righteous suffer the fate of the wicked. The superior

  
A Woman's World Reaches For  
Beyond the Ironing Board  
Wilde Fischer

O. C. Helton had somewhat to say to us, and I listened.

Probably I heard more than he said. He owns some gorgeous mountain country out West. From this land he cut trees and stripped them to make logs to build his own log cabin with his own labor. It took a legal battle, to the extreme of trial by jury, to be allowed to exercise the right of using his own brains, brawn, and brow-sweat to build his own house on his own land with his own hands. Nothing anybody said or did in the long process brought him to a compromise in his house-building.

What I heard him saying had a deeper meaning for me. Everywhere a Christian woman turns someone or something is saying, "You can't build your Christian house that way. You can't build on Christian principles like honesty and decency. It's every man for himself in this dog-eat-dog world."

"You can't build your Christian house on one-to-one love between husband and wife. You and your husband can't decide to love each other enough that you'll work at being faithful until death parts you. Nobody builds a house that way any more."

"You can't build your house on keeping the Lord's Day holy. That went out with the horse and buggy. Progress is the word: business as usual on Sunday."

"You can't build your Christian house that way: It's narrow-minded to abstain from all alcoholic beverages. People will think you are a fanatic."

"You can't build your Christian house with curfews and curtailments for your children. They'll grow up thwarted and frustrated."

"You can't build your Christian house on nine-tenths of an income. Inflation's here to stay."

But some of us believe God's teachings, and we ask His help day by day. We find ourselves chugging along like the little engine, saying, "I think I can. . . I think I can. . . ."

And sure enough, we climb one hill after another, resting at each top to enjoy a breath-taking view of life, carrying the memory and confidence of victory on the down-hill ride to the next smooth plain.

Then the next sign says "Steep uphill grade for ten miles" doesn't scare us too much.

ful relationships. Most of us take them for granted; family, work, church, club, team, neighborhood, and that special constellation of friendships that stretches from childhood to maturity. But without them, life would be shallow, thin, and lonely. This lesson is about enriching these relationships, especially the more intimate ones, and how it grows out of our relationship in Christ.

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That is what he meant by "love" in verse 9. It is more than an emotion; it's a persistent attitude of affection or concern demonstrated in service. A better way of phrasing Paul's exhortation is: "Let love be genuine" (RSV). In recent years young people have accused their elders of being phony, and pretended love is the worst form. Then Paul illustrated what he meant: hate evil and cling to good; show love by outdoing one another in honoring your brothers.

Verse 11 can be better understood in these words: "Never flag in zeal, be aglow with the Spirit, serve the Lord" (RSV). Paul was calling for enthusiasm but not a boisterous emptiness. They had a

hope that should make them joyful. Whatever their troubles, they must endure them, praying at all times. All that was aimed at the mood of the inner man, but it would bear fruit in better relationships in the church. Verse 13 is sharpened by the words of Phillips: "Give freely to fellow Christians in want." The concern for hospitality extended the effectiveness of the fellowship and laid the foundations for hospitals and orphanages.

Verses 15-16 call on Christians to be brotherly in joy and sorrow and to accept one another without pride or conceit.

How To Treat Your Enemies

Verses 14,17-31

It is obvious that verse 14 is not talking about people within the church and that verses 17-21 more likely refer to those outside the fellowship. They were enemies only because they were ranged against the gospel, but the spirit of these verses show that Paul did not want to miss the opportunity to witness to them in the way Christians lived. "Blessing those who persecute" reminds us at once of the Sermon on the Mount.

Paying back evil for evil sets nothing; it is the unoriginal way of the world, a thoughtless pattern of quarrelsome children. The second half of verse 17 comes from Proverbs 3:4 and means that Paul's readers should act in such a way as to win the respect of all men. Thus, Christians should make a real effort to "live peacefully with all men."

When wisdom failed to satisfy, the teacher turned to pleasure—unrestrained pleasure. The experiment issued in the conclusion that laughter is folly and pleasure accomplishes nothing. Wine, women, song and possessions proved to be a disappointment.

Besides the stimulation of wine, he tried the excitement of building. Then he acquired slaves, a sure sign of success. When he sat down and carefully considered the relative good in the light of the profit he desired, it was inadequate.

Note the self-centeredness of the teacher's way of living in this experiment. His goals were all for his personal pleasure.

Success is easier to gain than it is to use well. Too many people never think of anything except their goals. Most people make the mistake of thinking they did it all by themselves. Some even kick the ladder which they climbed and in the process they fall as well. Success is not nearly as comfortable a bedfellow as failure.

The teacher begins the book of Ecclesiastes by saying that: "all life is vain." Life lived on the level of human wisdom, pleasure and possessions is empty and vain. Selfishness is destructive and soul-destroying. But keep reading the book. By the time you reach chapter 2 you will discover that the teacher found faith in God as the source of strength and happiness. When he reached the bottom, he then turned and found help in God. Ecclesiastes 12:1 says that the teacher recognized that God is the ultimate ruler and admonished his readers to venerate God.

The teacher investigated and searched out all human activities and found them to yield disappointing results (1:16-18 and 2:1-11). By this he means that all that people do to produce a profit or make life productive is not satisfying. His conclusion is that life is an unhappy business ("vanity and a striving after wind" 1:14). This describes man's toil or business, as a constant exertion which produces nothing that is lasting.

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No wonder most readers think of him as a pessimistic cynic who had no hope for man. In our own strength we have no power or ability to change life. The things that are impossible with us are not impossible to God. Our duty is to do what we can. We do not have to accept life as impossible. We should correct as much as we can and then give ourselves over to be used by God's grace and power when we reach our limit. Apart from Christ life is hopeless. I have confidence that Christ can make the "crooked" to be straight.

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## Just For The Record



**Dumas Is Building New Sanctuary**  
Dumas Church voted June 29 to build a new \$70,000 sanctuary and to reconstruct the present one to include Sunday School rooms and a fellowship hall. Ground has been broken and construction is underway. Pictured are the Building Committee, with several members in the background. Left to right: Doxey Davis, chairman, Carl Roberts, Rev. Billy W. Baker, pastor; Leland Wigington, Johnny Hill, and Delane Hatcher (not shown).



**Methodists and Baptists At "Ice Cream Service"**  
Both Methodists and Baptists attended the recent annual outdoor ice cream service and supper in Booneville. Each year First Baptist Church of Booneville sponsors this event and invites the members of the First United Methodist Church to be their guests. This year 250 were present, and the Methodist Choir and pastor presented the worship service. Rev. Tom Rayburn is pastor and Lewis Harrington is music director of First Baptist Church.

### Calvary To Present "King Is Coming" For 53rd Time

Pascagoula's Calvary Church will present "The King Is Coming" in their own sanctuary, Saturday, August 16, at 7:30 p.m. This original production has previously been presented 52 times—four times in their own facilities and 48 times in various churches in Mississippi, Florida, Alabama, and twice in First Church of New

## Orleans.

"The King Is Coming" is a dramatic musical production concerning the second coming of Christ. Mrs. Laurie Burkes, a member of the church, wrote the script and Mrs. Byron Mathis, director of the Sanctuary Choir, has set the script to music and drama.

Buddy Mathis will portray character narrations and accompany the choir on the trumpet.

Rev. Byron E. Mathis, pastor of Calvary, says that the public is cordially invited—free admission.



A dedication service was held recently for Immanuel Church, Olive Branch. Left to right: first row, Ralph Wagner, Building Committee; Dr. Earl Kelly, executive secretary, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board; Mrs. Jimmy Young, Building Committee. Back row: Charles Barry, Building Committee; Rev. Vance Marberry, pastor. Not present for picture: Mrs. Bill Cole and Bruce Sinquefield, Building Committee. Dr. Kelly brought the dedicatory address.

### Immanuel Church, Olive Branch, Dedicates First Building Unit

Dedication services were held recently for Immanuel Church, Olive Branch. This church was organized October 12, 1972, as Olive Branch Chapel. Since a permanent meeting place was needed, space was rented in First U. S. Corporation Building.

Rev. Vance Marberry accepted the call as pastor, October 22, 1972. Since its beginning, the church has given 10% of its total receipts to mission causes. Con-

stitution services were held January 28, 1973 with Dr. Douglas Hudgins as guest speaker. At this time, they officially became Immanuel Church with 163 charter members.

The Chapel Committee, after much searching, found desirable acreage for a church site and five acres were bought from Mr. and Mrs. Willard Williams. The first anniversary of the church was observed with groundbreaking for the first building unit.

Charles Long, interim minister of music, was in charge of the evening service. A Choral Concert was presented by the New Life Singers, First Church, Memphis, Tennessee. A record-breaking crowd of 228 was present.

### Names In The News

Mr. and Mrs. Barry Noland Morris, missionary journeymen to Thailand, have completed their term of service and may be addressed at Box 86, Collins, Miss. 39028.

First Church, Union, has voted unanimously to send their pastor and his wife, Rev.

and Mrs. Douglas White, to the Holy Land. The trip will include stops in New York, Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Tiberias, Capernaum, Corinth, Athens and Rome. Dr. J. Clark Hensley will lead the tour, December 26 - January 6.



Rev. Roy Sylvester, pastor, Ebenezer Church in Holmes County, at right, presented a copy of *The Deacon*, a family ministry plan resource book, to each of two nearly ordained deacons: Kirk Thomas, left, of Ebenezer community, and Bob Roberts, center, of Lexington. Mr. Roberts drives a total of 48 miles back and forth each Sunday with his large family to worship at Ebenezer, Miss.

Rev. W. Gerald Newsom, a teacher at Jackson Avenue Christian School of Memphis, Tennessee, who is teaching high school Bible and elementary mathematics, is available for full-time pastoral work. An ordained Southern Baptist minister, he was formerly part-time pastor of Beech Grove Church, Dyersburg, Tennessee. He is a graduate of University of Tennessee and has done further study at Lambuth College, at the University of Tennessee and at Memphis Theological Seminary. His address is 110 East Parkview Avenue, Dyersburg, TN 38024.

Dr. and Mrs. J. Glenn Morris, missionaries to Thailand, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: 385 N. Highland, Memphis, Tenn. 38111). He is a native of Atlanta, Ga., and she is the former Polly Love of Hattiesburg, Miss.

### Wildwood Calls Fred Womack

Wildwood, Clinton's newest Baptist church, has called Dr. Fred G. Womack as pastor. He preached his first sermon there on August 3. He moved to Wildwood from a three year pastorate of Mantee Church.

A native of Macon, Dr. Womack holds the Bachelor of Science degree from Mississippi College and Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry degrees from Southern Seminary.

His first pastorate was at Gum Springs, Braxton, and later was pastor of English Baptist Church, Stephensport, Kentucky.

He is married to the former Ann Cranford. Mrs. Womack graduated from Mississippi College. The Womacks have two daughters, Kimberly Lynn, 4, and Katherine Leigh, 2.

Wildwood Church is two miles south of Clinton on Springridge Road.

### Devotional

## The Pull Of Perfection

By Rev. Thomas L. Clay

"Be ye therefore perfect even as your Father in heaven is perfect." — (Matthew 5:48).

There are many passages in the Bible that speak of perfection. In the 3rd chapter of Philippians as rendered by J. B. Phillips, Paul says, "I do not consider myself to have arrived spiritually nor do I consider myself already perfect. But I keep going on, grasping ever more firmly that purpose for which Christ grasps me."

Perhaps the most outstanding attribute of God is perfection. We think of heaven as a place of perfection. Jesus Christ was the only human being who ever attained this state. Man does not attain but years and strives toward it. Jesus did not give us the best possible to strive for but the impossible best. Like the ancient mariner who used the stars to keep him on his course even though he could not

reach up and touch the stars, so we used these words of Jesus as our goal.

Occasionally, we hear the rendition of a piece of classical music which seems to have attained perfection. Every note is clear, has the right length and the proper emphasis to make it all that one wants it to be. No improvement can be conceived. When that degree of perfection is attained in music, it seems that heaven is present.

Looking at the great mountains or a beautiful sunset, one has the same impression, that everything is in the right proportion and in its place. Nothing more beautiful can be imagined. Such things bring us a peace that passeth all understanding.

Few of us have any delusions that we will ever attain perfection, but most of us in varying degrees are intrigued by it and press forward toward it.

One may play tennis or baseball with a degree of accuracy which approached perfection, and how thrilling to watch a sport played that way. This is equally true of a highly skilled craftsman, acrobatic performer, or actor. We all admire and strive to imitate those who can do anything superbly well.

What is perfection if it is not that state or condition which leaves nothing to be desired, no possibility of improvement. What a world ours would be if it were that way! Obviously, that is the kind of world God has planned and He depends upon us to help bring it to pass. However long it may take and however slow the progress, is not the most satisfying thing we can do to be about our Father's business? We must not be content with less, no matter how impossible it is to achieve it. We demand perfect standards, thirty-six inches to the yard, four quarts to the gallon, and sixteen ounces to the pound. God demands our best effort.

May God help us to forget about those things behind us as we reach forward for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

(NOTE: Rev. Thomas L. Clay was formerly pastor of Calvary, Silver Creek. He is now pastor of Glenwood Church, Oak Ridge, Tn.)

### TV Cartoon Characters Come Alive In Laurel

A Day In The Life Of Jot will be presented in the sanctuary of First Baptist Church of Laurel on Saturday, August 16, at 2 p.m., and at 7 p.m.; and again on Sunday, August 17, at 7 p.m. "Jot," the familiar TV cartoon character, is the central figure in a delightful play for both children and adults. Everyone is invited to join Jot and his friends in an hour of dramatic fun, song, and excitement.

Dr. Jim Keith, host pastor, ex-

tends a cordial invitation to the churches of the surrounding area to attend this "first" in drama at First, Laurel, under the direction of Dr. Darrel Baergen, the newly-arrived minister of activities. There is no admission charge.

Playing the leading roles of Jot and Tad are Melinda Waites, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. James C. Waites; and Steve Scoper, son of Representative and Mrs. Vincent G. Scoper, Jr. Through Jot's experiences, he learns such values as honesty, obedience, faith, and unselfishness. Children learn with

### Off The Record

The Tel Aviv busses are the most crowded in the world. Sometimes you wait for hours while dozens of busses pass you by, all so packed they can't take on another passenger. One elderly gentleman struggled aboard a crowded bus and handed the surprised conductor one of the reduced fare tickets issued to children of school-age. "That's how long I've been waiting," he explained as he reached for the strap.—American Opinion.

For 25 years, Morris, a cutter in an East Side garment factory had never been late for work. One morning, however, instead of checking in at 9:00 he arrived at 10:00. His face was criss-crossed with adhesive plaster, and his right arm was in a sling. Mr. Schlepmann, his boss, demanded to know why he was late. Morris explained, "I leaned out a window after breakfast and fell three stories." His boss shrugged, "that takes an hour?" — Funny World.

### Southeastern Names Meiburg As New Dean Of Faculty

WAKE FOREST, N. C. (BP) — Albert L. Meiburg, professor of pastoral theology and clinical pastoral education at Colgate Rochester-Bexley Hall-Crozer Seminary, Rochester, N. Y., has been named dean of the faculty at Sou-

theastern Seminary here.

Meiburg's appointment, effective Aug. 1, was announced here by Southeastern President W. Randall Lolley. The new dean succeeds Raymond Brown, who has returned to full-time teaching.

Rev. Al Fluke was ordained to the gospel ministry at First Church, Leakesville, on Au-

gust 3. Dr. Van Hardin, pastor, preached the ordination sermon. Rev. Horace Glass, area missionary for Greene and

George Counties, presented the Bible. Others on program included Rev. Mike Rasberry, Pine Level; Rev. Rayford Moore, West Salem, and Rev. Curtis Reese, Unity. The service was followed by a reception given by Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Fluke, parents of the candidate. Fluke, a junior at William Carey, has been in much demand for evangelistic services and supply work.

Rev. Ed Bryon of Clinton is the evangelist for a revival at First Church, Besse-

more, Alabama, August 10-15. Dr. John L. Brigran is pastor.

Rev. Joe Epting has resigned as pastor of First Church, Potts Camp, to accept a call from the Calvary Church, Osceola, Arkansas. He has been at Potts Camp for six and a half years. During this period the church installed new pews, purchased new choir robes, redecorated the education building, installed a chime system and a steeple, and bought a large lot for future expansion. There has been a steady increase in membership.

Miss Donna Lynne Keyes, missionary journeyman to Brazil, has completed her term of service and may be addressed at 1401 Post Rd., Clinton, Miss. 39042.

Emogene Harris, missionary to Nigeria, has arrived in the States for furlough (address: Rte. 2, Box 281, Brandon, Miss. 39042).



Rev. Donnie Bond, formerly of Pike County, has moved to Conrad, Montana, to become pastor of a young Southern Baptist church, the Conrad Mission. He is pictured above with his wife and three sons, Mike, 16, Jimmy, 14, and Ryan, one. Their address is Box 27, Conrad, Montana.